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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

M. R. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my FIRM, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ap18

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap3

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUIKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 64, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House." Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And.

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

Also.

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. mc29

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

CHS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATERSMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tf

AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND

STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF

COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH

PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE

DE 1876.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the

honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

ERNEST WASSSELL & Co.,

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as

PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of

Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the

Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC Co., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSSELL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. AH YON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 67, Praya, or to Mr. Fat Jack, at 80, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap19

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,

and are amongst the largest shippers

from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****,

in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also.

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for

JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON, Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

187, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £340,000

ESTABLISHED 1836.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. MOYER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. MOYER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. au17

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Sepulchre situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$50,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications, and competitors have the option of forwarding Tendres for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

B. C. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY Next, the 15th instant, the Steamer, "POWAN" will Run as a Night Boat between HONGKONG and CANTON, leaving HONGKONG on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., and CANTON on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, Begs to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' Boys' and Girls' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 29th.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Librarian.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "Hesperia."

H. PIPER & Co.'s Celebrated CHAMPAGNE: CARTE BLANCHE, CARTE BLANCHE SEU and CARTE DUREE in Quarts and Pints.

Also.

The well known OTARD DUFUY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

A STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, under NINGPO or TIENTSIN. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of:—

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power Nominal, 1,200 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 50 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Brooming, &c., with shafting and Belting Complete.

For further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamer "WASHI," Captain A. HUNTER, will be despatched as above SATURDAY, 24th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "DJEMNAH,"

Comd. CHAMPENOIS, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "VIRING," Capt. CASTLE, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1877. mc25

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "SALVADORA," Capt. HORMACHEA, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDAO & Co.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc26

FOR SAIGON.

The British Steamer "OPHEGENES," Captain WOOD, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON,

87, Praya.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The German Bar

Intimations.

Now Ready.

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 Chinese Folk-lore.
 Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.
 Pictorial English.
 Goethe's "Werther" in China.
 Chinese Music.
 White Ants.
 Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
 Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.
 FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schwaer.—Melchers & Co.
 MYSTIC BELL, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Simonsen & Co.
 ROYNA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
 PATOLA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lund.—Landstein & Co.
 ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
 The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE" will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY Evening, the 24th Instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to H. KLER & Co.
 Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc24

FOR SALE.

GAS TUBES, BENDS & ELBOWS.
 Apply to H. KLER & Co.
 Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc80

WANTED.

SOME Active Intelligent Men as TURN-KEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary Commencing at \$40 per Month, with Quarters and Uniform.
 Applications to be made to the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol.
 VICTORIA GAOL,
 Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc30

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TO Expedite the Delivery of Telegrams, this Company's London Station has been connected by Pneumatic Tubes with the following Post Office Telegraph Stations:—
 Lombury—Founder's Court.
 No. 27, Cornhill.
 No. 58, Threadneedle Street.
 The Baltic.
 Gresham House.
 No. 180, Leadenhall Street.
 No. 42, Fenchurch Street.
 No. 76, Lower Thames Street.
 Mark Lane.
 No. 3, Basinghall Street.
 No. 101, Cannon Street.
 St. Martin's Old General Post Office.
 New General Post Office.
 Ludgate Circus.
 Temple Bar.
 West Strand.

Instead of going through the General Post Office, Messages will be distributed at once by the Company's own Messengers, unless they can be telegraphed more quickly through the above-mentioned Stations.
 GEORGE J. HELLAND,
 General Agent.
 Shanghai, March 16, 1877. mc60

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 22, Radnorshire, British steamer, 1201, Thomson, London Feb. 1, via ports of call, and Singapore March 19, General.—H. KLER & Co.
 March 20, Formosa, Ger. 3-m. sch., from Whampoa.
 March 20, Cairnsmuir, British steamer, 1122, Spence, Hio March 18, General.—H. KLER & Co.
 March 20, Norma, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow March 22, General.—Kwok ACHONG.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 23, Buca Caco, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Sarah Nicholson, for Manila.
 E. von Deuticke, for Chiofo.
 Woden, for Chiofo.
 Waski, for Hoihow.
 Ching-foo, for Takao.
 Anazi, for Bangkok.
 Danube, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
 Per Radnorshire, from Singapore, &c., Mr. C. Mari-s, and 30 Chinese.
 Per Cairnsmuir, from Hio, Messrs Morley, Sharp, Graham, and 4 Chinese.
 Per Norma, from Swatow, 420 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per Buca Caco, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.
 To DEPART.
 Per Anazi, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.
 Per Danube, for Bangkok, 411 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Radnorshire reports: Had light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Cairnsmuir reports: Had moderate weather from Hio to Formosa Channel, thence dense fog to Hongkong.

The British steamer Norma reports: Light variable winds with thick fogs throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—
 Per DIEMNAB, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30.

For HOIHOW.—

Per WASHI, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 24th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.—

Per VIKING, at 0.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 24th inst.

Per RADNORSHIRE, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—

Per TAIWAN, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst.

For AMOY AND MANILA.—

Per SALVADORA, at 9.30 a.m., on Monday, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per CAIRNSMUIR, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 26th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet KASHGAR will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 29th Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage.

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. mc29

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet BELGIO will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 28th April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office,
 Hongkong, March 20, 1877. ap3

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet FEHO will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 29th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, April 4.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, April 5.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

12 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 20, 1877. ap3

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, March 25.—

Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Coast Port.

MONDAY, March 26.—

10 a.m.—Salvadora leaves for Manila.
 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.
 Cyphres leaves for Saigon on or about this date.

Goods per Loudoun Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 28.—

Goods per Viking undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 29.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
 Goods per Diemach undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

TUESDAY, April 3.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S.S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 14.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Waski leaves for Hoihow.

Noon.—Djemnah leaves for Shanghai.

1 p.m.—Viking leaves for Yokohama and Hio.

Evening.—Radnorshire leaves for Yokohama and Hio.

THE

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

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The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.10 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1877.

It almost seems as if Her Majesty's Government do not intend to favour the public with the blue book containing the despatches from Mr. Grosvenor in regard to the enquiry at Yunnan-fu. Nearly six months have now elapsed since the authorities at home were placed in possession of the report of the Mission, and why we should be kept in complete ignorance of what transpired at the memorable investigations in the far-away Chinese city we are at an utter loss to understand. We think the public has great reason to complain in the matter. Here a British official is murdered; the greatest interest is aroused in the affair; an important Convention and a remarkable Embassy result from it, and, forsooth, through some whim or negligence in high quarters we are kept in utter ignorance of the very facts on which the whole thing turns. The Yunnan affair has been made a mighty secret in official hands all along. Exceptional measures were, we believe, taken by Sir Thomas Wade to prevent anything in regard to the course of the negotiations leaking out, and the consequence was that people were kept on the tenter-hooks of suspense for many months; war was constantly anticipated, and trade became disorganised.

It is somewhat singular that the blue book on the Yunnan affair issued about two months ago should not have contained Mr. Grosvenor's report. In these papers Mr. Grosvenor is safely deposited at Yunnan-fu and then out off from the gate of the public. The report must have been in the hands of the Government several months at the date of the publication, and why was it not included in the book?

These despatches, which we have not hitherto noticed, furnish us with very little that is important or even interesting. There is one despatch, however, from Sir Thomas Wade to Mr. Grosvenor, after the latter had set out on his Mission, which is worth reading. Sir Thomas Wade, after alluding to the assertion of the Chinese officials at Peking that the murder had originated simply from the action of some misguided and ignorant men, says:—

"The information in my possession forbids me, as you are aware, to accept any statement as absurd, and the antecedents of the late Vice-President Shih, whether as a Minister of the T'ung-li Yamen or otherwise, are not favourable to the conclusion that, in appointing him to the Commission, the Chinese Government was determined to act fairly by this unfortunate case. I repeat at the same time my instructions, to the effect that you are to make your stay at Yunnan-fu as short as possible; that if a respectable number of witnesses be produced at that city, you are to instruct your deputies to hear what they have to say, and should their evidence be greatly at variance with that I have made known to you, to confine yourself to printing out the discrepancy; and then

insisting always on my injunction that no one condemned in the proceedings is to be put to death till the T'ung-li Yamen and the Legation shall have been communicated with, to prepare a plain report, copy of which, without debate, you are to apply to the High Commissioners to send on to me. If the authorities insist on torturing any witness your deputies are to protest and withdraw.

In a despatch addressed to the Earl of Derby, dated Peking April 7th, Sir Thomas Wade mentions that a letter from Mr. Grosvenor had taken twenty-seven days to reach him, from Yunnan, while a letter from Li Han-chang had reached the Capital in seventeen days. The British Minister also expresses his suspicion that the T'ung Li Yamen was then in possession of information from the High Commissioners which it was keeping back from him. These despatches while they afford us no information as to Mr. Grosvenor's report give us a pretty good idea of the kind of document presented to the Chinese Government on the affair by Li Han-chang and his colleagues. Telegraphing to Earl Derby on the 18th May, Sir Thomas Wade says, "all the blame of the murder is sought to be laid on the savages by the Chinese Government, and they try to prove that the attack on Colonel Browne was solely instigated by Li, the gentry of the district having been alarmed by Colonel Browne's arrival. All the higher officials and gentry would thus be exonerated. I cannot accept this story with the other evidence in my hands. The paper contains contradictions and falsehoods, and, in view of the former history of such acts, and the equivocal conduct throughout the present affair of the Chinese Government, I have made a protest against the punishment of Li or the execution of the savages. I add that I do not demand any longer the punishment of the provincial authorities. I fix the whole responsibility on the Central Government, and demand such reparation as will in the future better secure foreign relations." Her Majesty's Government do not appear to have heeded these full powers and that confidence in Sir Thomas Wade that it was currently reported at the time it had, for on the 14th June Lord Derby telegraphs to Sir Thomas that "he should avoid pledging in any way Her Majesty's Government until Mr. Grosvenor's report had been received and considered by them, when instructions would be given to him for his guidance." This is the last despatch in the book, excepting one from Lord Tenterden to the Secretary of the Admiralty, dated June 29th, stating for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty that a telegram had been received from Sir Thomas Wade to the effect that "he found it impossible at present to dispense with the four ships of the Detached Squadron then in China."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 9, 1877.

The great event of the past week has been the presentation of the Chinese Ambassadors Kuo and Sung to Her Majesty the Queen. The credentials seem to be "all in order" on this occasion at least; and on Wednesday last His Excellency duly appeared before Her Majesty and read out his apology. What he exactly said I am unable to ascertain, nor can I find out what the reply from the Queen was, as of course, those who were present are bound to keep both as a Court secret. I suppose however something more official and less ornamental not to say theatrical, will take place ere long at the Foreign Office; and that His Excellency Kuo may find his interview with Lord Derby by no means so agreeable as his presentation to the Queen. It is a noticeable fact that, notwithstanding that the Chinese Envoys were presented the very day before Parliament was opened by the Queen, no allusion is made in Her speech in any shape to China or to the Chinese Envoys. This does not look as though the difficulty as to the murder of poor Margery is considered as settled, especially when it is remembered that last year the Queen's speech contained a pointed allusion to China. However, it may perhaps be simply that the Ministers do not wish if they can avoid it, to bring up China again at a time, when their hands are full of more important affairs. The Eastern Question has still to be discussed, and until this is done with other affairs stand but a poor chance.

Mr. Mark Stewart has expressed his intention of calling for papers on China at an early opportunity during the Session, so I suppose we shall have a field night—but the worst Chinese debates are always famed for the length of the speeches and the bluntness of the attendants. If people will not even attend to Indian debates, one can hardly wonder at their not doing so on those on China.

A few days ago Dr. Dudgeon, of the London Missionary Society, gave an interesting lecture in which he compared the diseases prevalent in China and those at home. It is a curious fact that we seem to be afflicted here with illnesses at once more numerous and more severe than those generally found in the Celestial Empire. Perhaps this is not altogether surprising when the high pressure of modern home life is borne in mind. There is so much excitement and change that it is only natural the system should be affected; and Johny Chinaman, though he works harder, has on the whole a quieter life than most people at home.

A statement is made in the World to the effect that the Chinese Ambassador has written a despatch to the Home Secretary interceding for the man who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for the servant connected with the Embassy. I believe it is true that some such application has been made; though of course it would be through the Foreign Office and not through the Home Office, it will

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

March 23, 1877.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Ching Aing, a bricklayer, was charged by Young An, the master of the Tai Yik carpenter's shop, with obtaining some 30 caties of cement and an iron hammer from him under false pretences. On the 21st inst. the defendant came to the shop and saw he was sent by Fung Ah, the complainant's head bricklayer, to get the cement and hammer to repair some houses in Wai Yin Fong, belonging to the complainant. The things were given to him; but it was discovered that Fung Ah never sent him to fetch them. The defendant, who simply denied the charge, was sent to four months' hard labour.

UNLAWFUL TO ANIMALS.

Chun Aing, a coolie, and Tam Aik, a cow-herd, were charged with cruelty to animals, in that they had a two-months old calf carried with a pole between its legs. The calf defendant and another were carrying it, and when the Policeman stopped them, the 2nd defendant came up and blamed to be the owner. The 1st defendant said he was engaged by the 2nd defendant to carry the animal to Pokfulam for 40 cents. The 2nd defendant stated that he was told by his master, a Roman Catholic priest, to take the animal to Pokfulam. On the way the animal would not walk, so he had to get two men to carry it. The defendant's master appeared and gave him a good character for attention to animals. The 1st defendant was discharged, and the 2nd fined 10 cents.

KIDNAPPING.
 Sam Aman, a married woman, was charged with stealing the daughter of one Fong Akow, a married woman at Macao. On the 24th October 1875, the defendant, a sempstress at Macao, asked complainant to allow her to take the child to a feast, but never brought her back again. The complainant had not seen the defendant since until yesterday at Hongkong. The case had been reported to the Macao Police. Remanded till the 26th instant, admitted to bail in \$25.

The Philippines.

(From the Manila Papers.)

General Malcampo, the ex-Governor General of these islands, with his Wife and three Sons, took his final departure in the Cadiz which left Manila on the 10th March for Cadiz and Liverpool. The gallant General was presented with a sword and a walking stick, expressly made for him, on the night of the 9th, by the members of the Ayuntamiento (Senate) in memory of the victories of the Socloco campaign carried on under his command.

A fire took place in the province of Baras (Morong) on the 15th February, between the hours of one and two in the morning, which destroyed over fifty houses including the Court House.

Numerous are the robberies with violence reported from the provinces, almost all of which are attended with cutting and wounding of the inmates of the houses attacked. The Governor's house, in the province of San Isidro, was not exempt. The thieves, before making away with some money, clothing and three horses, severely wounding three members of the household. The robbers are said to be about 20 in number, armed with both side and fire arms, and all of them effected their escape.

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The Central Government of the Philippines has in answer to several applications from the Governor of Socloco, issued the following Proclamations, dated the 24th February last, in order to promote immigration of both Chinese and native inhabitants of the interior of the island of Socloco:—

"All the immigrants in the island of Socloco, of whatever class, race or nationality who settle themselves in the same, dedicating themselves to agriculture, industry or commerce, or to any art, business or occupation, will be exempted, during the term of ten years, from any contributions or taxes which are at present imposed or may be imposed in future upon the inhabitants of the Philippines archipelago."

"The sons of the immigrants in Socloco who are born or have settled themselves in the said island before reaching their majority or before being liable to the contributions of his own country, will become so there at the age of 25 years, but will be free from military service during their stay in the island."

"Supreme *ling* is equal to Supreme *shin*. Therefore, it follows that *shin* is 'God,' or if *ling* is 'spirit,' it follows that *shin* is also, 'spirit.' If this reasoning will not hold, then the equation remains nothing more than this:—
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 Yours, &c.
 J. CHALMERS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN EQUATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Canton, March 23, 1877.

Sir,—I have just seen an article in the Chinese Recorder, in which the writer, "Inquirer," seems to think he has turned my weapons against myself, thus:—

(1) Supreme *ling* is equal to Supreme *shin* (p. 78). Admitted on all hands. Therefore *ling*, argues "Inquirer," cannot mean simply "intelligence," but must mean "spirit."

(2) Supreme *shin* is equal to Supreme *ling* (p. 87). Admitted again. Therefore *shin* cannot mean "spirit," but must mean "God," the same as *li*.

I beg to remind "Inquirer" and his readers of an *ad hominem* from which it follows that:—

(3) Supreme *ling* is equal to Supreme *shin*. Therefore, it follows that *shin* is "God," or if *ling* is "spirit," it follows that *shin* is also, "spirit." If this reasoning will not hold, then the equation remains nothing more than this:—
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OHINA.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

There is sometimes a very comic element in woe. A Chinese family living somewhere at the back of the French Concession is just now plunged into the deepest grief, and yet it is impossible not to be alive to the ludicrous side of the affair. A week or so ago, the grandmother died, and was shortly afterwards consigned to her Scotch friends call her "bit boxie." But it was necessary that between this ceremony and the entombment, the spirit of the departed lady should be entertained with the sound of tomtoms, gongs, rattles, and all kinds of music; and the survivors do not dare to do, lest they should be indicted by the French police as a nuisance to the neighbourhood. The grandsons, a youthful souperage not without filial instincts, have been crying for the last two days about it; there lies his grandmother, fast screwed down, and ready to be prophesied, and yet he dare not so much as light a joss-stick or beat a drum to comfort her! In this dilemma a friendly brother-in-law called upon a foreign gentleman and begged him to write a letter to the French police, in order to melt their obduracy and coax them into permitting the funeral rites. The gentleman wisely declined, on the score that his interference would not be likely to produce any favourable

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